

What is claimed is:

1. A camera apparatus comprising:

a camera-body portion;

a display panel portion fixed to said camera-body portion;

and

an optical portion disposed at an upper portion of said camera-body portion and having a pop-up portion rotatable between a housed position in said camera-body portion and a pop-up position, wherein said optical portion is capable of being housed in said camera-body portion other than when the camera is in a taking-picture condition such that the front side lens is protected by an outside cabinet body and said optical portion is made popped-up to a predetermined elevation-angle during a condition when the camera is in the taking-picture condition.

2. A camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said camera-body portion is held in a forward-leaning posture when it is in a taking-picture condition such that the light axis of the front side lens of said optical portion is made directly faced to the subject, so that holding feeling is improved in the taking-picture condition.

3. A camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of a strobe and a sound-collecting microphone is disposed near the front side lens of said optical portion.

4. A camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the outer body portion by which the front side lens of said optical portion is protected becomes a grip region of said camera-body portion.

5. A camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of an operation button, a speaker, a sound-collecting microphone and a strobe is positioned at the outer body portion by which the front side lens of said optical portion is protected.

6. A camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the power supply to the camera is shut off in cooperation with a movement of said optical portion being housed into the inside of said camera-body portion and the power supply to the camera is turned on in cooperation with a popping-up movement of said optical portion.